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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN.
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FOR: HYDROGENATION CATALYST
FOR HYDROCARBON OIL, CARRIER
FOR IT, AND METHOD OF HYDRO-
GENATION OF HYDROCARBON OIL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

5. (Amended) The hydrogenation catalyst for hydrocarbon oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the refractory inorganic oxide is alumina.
6. (Amended) The hydrogenation catalyst for hydrocarbon oil as claimed in claim 2, wherein the amount of titanium in terms of its oxide form falls between 1 and 15% by weight of the refractory inorganic oxide carrier.